20 *March* 1832.

(Ireland.)

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To repeal certain Acts of the Parliament of *Ireland* which impose Penalties on Roman Catholic Clergymen celebrating Marriages contrary to the Provisions of the said Acts.

WHEREAS by certain Acts of the Parliament of *Ireland*, Persons in Holy Orders in the Church of Rome, therein called Popish Priests, are liable to the penalty of Death, or to a fine of Five hundred Pounds, if convicted of celebrating Marriages contrary to the provisions of the said Acts: And whereas the Ministers of other Dissenting Churches are not liable to such Penalties: And whereas it is expedient, in conformity to the provisions of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom in the Tenth year of his late Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, intituled, "An Act "for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects," that the Law as respects the celebration of Marriages in *Ireland* by Roman Catholic Clergymen, and by the Ministers or Teachers of Protestant Dissenters, should be assimilated; **Be it therefore Enacted**, by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT from and after the so much of an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twelfth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the First, intituled, "An Act "to prevent Marriages by degraded Clergymen and Popish Priests, "and for preventing Marriages consummated from being avoided "by Pre-contracts, and for the more effectual punishing of Bigamy," as declares and enacts that any Popish Priest or reputed Popish Priest, or person pretending to be a Popish Priest, who shall celebrate

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12 Geo. 1.

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brate any Marriage between two Protestants or reputed Protestants, or between a Protestant or reputed Protestant and a Papist, shall be guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a felon, without benefit of Clergy or of the Statute; and also so much of another Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-third year of the reign of his present Majesty King GEORGE the Second, intituled, "An "Act for explaining and making more effectual an Act, intituled, "'An Act for the more effectual preventing Clandestine Mar- "riages;' and another Act passed in the Twelfth year of his late "Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act to prevent Marriages by de- "graded Clergymen and Popish Priests, and for preventing Mar- "riages consummated from being avoided by Pre-contracts, and for "the more effectual punishing of Bigamy,'" as, after reciting a certain Act passed in the Nineteenth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Second, enacts and declares, that every Popish Priest or reputed Popish Priest, who shall celebrate any Marriage contrary to the provisions of the said recited Act of the Twelfth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the First, and he thereof convicted, shall be guilty of Felony, without benefit of Clergy or of the Statute, and suffer Death accordingly, although the Marriage so celebrated by such Popish Priest be declared null and void by the said Act of the Nineteenth of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Second; and also so much of another Act, passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-third year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, intituled, "An Act "for the Relief of His Majesty's Popish or Roman Catholic Sub- "jects of *Ireland*," as enacts and declares that every Popish Priest, or reputed Popish Priest, who shall celebrate any Marriage between two Protestants, or between any such Protestant and Papist, unless such Protestant and Papist shall have been first married by a Clergyman of the Protestant religion, shall forfeit the sum of Five hundred Pounds to his Majesty, upon conviction thereof; and so much and such parts as aforesaid of the said hereinbefore recited Acts shall be and are hereby Repealed; save and except so far as the said Acts or any part thereof relate or relates to the prosecuting, suing for, recovering, levying or paying any Fine, Penalty or Forfeiture against the said Acts or any of them, which shall have been or shall be incurred on or before the commencement of this Act.

23 Geo. 2.

33 Geo. 3.

Recited Acts Repealed.

Provisions of Acts to remain in force for recovery of Penalties.

And be it further Enacted, That all and every the Regulations and Provisions, Powers and Authorities contained in the said recited Acts, or any part thereof, shall be and remain in full force and effect, for the prosecuting, suing for, recovering, levying or paying any such Fine, Penalty or Forfeiture, as if this Act had not been made.

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